

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as shown in the following marked up version of the original paragraph:

The paragraph beginning on Page 8, line 8 is amended as follows:

In another aspect, the present invention provides a method for making the new class of MMP regulators. The method comprises binding a zinc chelator to synthetic peptides. The peptide sequences chosen were the part of the TIMP that made the closest approach to the MMP [[n]] in the vicinity of the catalytic zinc. The sequence is a common structural feature of the binding interface.